

In addition, this bill does not further dilute our increasingly scarce health care resources. Rather than require larger appropriations or create a whole new program with increased overhead, this bill consolidates the imaging research programs that are already in place to ensure more effective decision-making and investment of resources. It also creates a center to coordinate imaging research throughout the Federal Government.

In short, this bill provides an opportunity to improve health care for our citizens and improve efficiency at the same time. It will help us meet both the formidable scientific and budgetary challenges we face.

I fully recognize that there is not sufficient time remaining in the current Congress for the House to act on this legislation. Nevertheless, I believe that it is important to raise this issue now. We will be considering legislation to reauthorize the NIH in the next Congress, and we need to focus on imaging research as we continue the debate on the future of biomedical research in this Nation. I hope that the introduction of this bill now will contribute to that debate, as well as to the construction of a more effective national research program.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH SALZMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to highlight the sterling efforts of Ruth Salzman, executive vice president for the Chase Community Development Corp. [CCDC]. Ruth was named to direct commercial lending for CCDC in 1992. She is tasked with the challenge of providing loans to minority and women-owned small businesses located in low- and moderate-income communities, in addition to addressing the needs of community-based nonprofit organizations.

Businesses in the tristate area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut have been recipients of loans from Chase, under the auspices of Ruth Salzman. In an era when it is fashionable to eliminate access to capital for groups desperately in need of access to capital, most notably minorities and women who own small businesses, it is comforting to know that Ruth Salzman is working overtime to support these groups.

Ruth's expertise and training are traceable to her work with Chemical Bank, where she managed a specialized lending portfolio known as the Community Policy Lending Unit, which provided capital loans to nonprofit organizations that developed transitional and permanent housing for people with special needs.

Ms. Salzman is a graduate of the Wharton Graduate Division and received her B.A. from Brooklyn College. She is married to Ira Salzman and is the mother of two children. Ruth's efforts have opened doors for many minority and female small business owners who have known nothing but despair in their efforts to secure commercial loans. Her efforts deserve recognition and commendation, and it is my honor to introduce her to my fellow colleagues.

TRIBUTE TO OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding group of volleyball players in my district. This special group of players are students at Our Lady of the Ridge High School in Chicago Ridge, IL. What makes this group stand out and shine is that when other schools were out for the summer, this group of players extended their season into late June and captured their program's first national title. This is truly a momentous triumph and I am very proud to represent such a fine group of young women in Congress.

This year's Amateur Athletic Union Junior National Volleyball Championships were held in Des Moines, IA, on June 21–25. This year, a division was started which included volleyball players ages 10 years and younger. The division was created to allow younger players to compete in the national competition. This year, 10 young ladies from last season's fourth grade team received maximum benefit from the exposure.

The team was led by tournament MVP Jessica Strama and All-Americans Kellie and Katie Pratl. Additionally, Elizabeth Rutan, Cori Omiecinski, Megan Liston, Laura Dirschl, and Katherine Casey played an important role in their aggressive floor play during the game. Stefanie Krawisz and Lauren Uher were top in their field outstanding serving ability during the game. The Our Lady of the Ridge team was coached by Milena Strama and Ron Pratl. The team ended its season with an impressive 77–23 record. Finally, the team could not have come as far as they did if it were not for their many sponsor and supporters from the parish community of Our Lady of the Ridge. As the team coach Ron Pratl said, "There was a team of supporters that made it possible for us to get here, and then there was the team that won the gold. My hat goes off to all of them."

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to have such a fine group of players and supporters in my district. This group of hard working young volleyball players are truly an inspiration and I am pleased to be given the opportunity to honor their hard work today.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR JANET FASH BY PLACING HER NAME IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave and honorable individual, Miss Janet Fash, of Rockaway, NY. Her courage enabled her to save the life of a fellow civilian. Her contributions to the civic life of her community are commendable.

Miss Fash is a lifeguard in Rockaway, NY. While her job is to save lives, she has demonstrated the virtues of a citizen who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Janet Fash was off-duty when she was walking down the beach. She noticed a crowd

and found them attempting to rescue a drowning child from the ocean. Having been pulled out to sea by the tide, the child's life was in grave danger. Miss Fash quickly swam out to sea in order to rescue the child, ultimately saving its life.

For many individuals, this would be a random act of heroism. However, Janet Fash practices these acts for a living, spending the majority of her time saving lives. Her duty to her community is also to be commended, as she is a regular attendant at all community meetings, and is the epitome of a civic-minded individual.

As Janet Fash has been such a notable member of her community, I would encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on her bravery and superior heroism.

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE IN EAST TIMOR

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, there has been growing international concern over the plight of the former Portuguese colony of East Timor, especially since November 12, 1991, when Indonesian troops killed more than 250 defenseless people and wounded hundreds more at Santa Cruz Cemetery in the East Timorese capital of Dili.

Thousands of East Timorese had gathered at the cemetery for a memorial service that turned into a demonstration. In an unprovoked attack, Indonesian forces opened fire on the crowd. A British television journalist filmed part of this tragic event, attracting the attention and indignation of the global community.

Nearly 5 years later, the situation in East Timor remains extremely tense. While the Indonesian officers and soldiers who were responsible for the Santa Cruz massacre received light punishment, when they received any punishment at all, the East Timorese accused of organizing the demonstration received long sentences, ranging from 9 years to life in prison. So far as is known, all of the Indonesian perpetrators have long ago been freed, in contrast to the East Timorese, all of whom were charged with nonviolent activities, but none of whom have been released.

As we near the fifth anniversary of the massacre, it would be fitting for the Indonesian Government to release all those charged with nonviolent activities in connection with the event.

In July 1996, Amnesty International presented a summary analysis of the human rights situation in East Timor to the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization. I now ask that this important document, which underscores the need for concrete action, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

INDONESIA: HUMAN RIGHTS DETERIORATE IN EAST TIMOR AS UN TALKS GO ON

Another year of talks and vague promises of greater openness by the Indonesian government has brought no relief to the people of East Timor, Amnesty International said today at the United Nations (UN) Special Commission on Decolonization in New York.

Despite the recent completion of the eighth round of talks between the governments of Indonesia and Portugal, and a visit